

Peacham

Joseph Hunter Injured In The Woods
—Senior Reception at the Academy.

(Mrs. W. S. Sanborn, Correspondent.)
Joseph Hunter met with quite a serious accident Friday, Jan. 7, while chopping for Henry Wilson. He felled a tree which lodged and while he was trying to get it down the tree broke and threw Mr. Hunter down, spraining his ankle and breaking the ligaments in his heel. It will necessitate his staying in the house for some time. Mrs. Taisey who is sick at Fred Polard's does not gain as fast as her friends could wish.

Miss Katie Archer who has been working in Barnet is stopping for a few days with Mrs. Wallace Powers who is sick.

Edna McCosco has been quite sick the past week with inflamed glands and Wallace Taylor has been a great sufferer with his eyes, both results from an attack of grip.

Ed Bailor who has been at Ardie Shaw's at Lebanon is stopping at Ernest Brown's.

Mrs. Albert Peak is sick with grip. Geneva Chandler is working for her. Miss Katie Young was made happy Christmas by receiving a large braided rug which was made by passing the rug around among her friends, each contributing and sewing on braids.

The remains of John Wilson of Wal-

Report of the Condition

First National Bank

At St. Johnsbury, in the State of Vermont,
at the close of business, December 31, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$331,229.52
Overdrafts, unsecured	94.90
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation, (par value)	200,000.00
U. S. Bonds pledged to secure U. S. Deposits, (par value)	10,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	13,000.00
Securities other than U. S. Bonds, (not including stocks) owned and unpledged	23,000.00
Total bonds, securities, etc.	23,000.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$14,400.00
Less amount unpaid	7,200.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	15,500.00
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	7,000.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents, in other reserve cities	43,384.04
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than above)	29,061.95
Other checks on banks in same city or town as reporting bank	14,634.83
Outside checks and other cash items, \$1,675.00; fractional currency, tickets and cents \$212.85	1,887.85
Notes of other National Banks	2,343.00
Federal Reserve notes	150.00
Coin and certificates	14,897.35
Legal tender notes	600.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	10,000.00
Revenue stamps	269.00
Total	\$724,244.94
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus fund	40,000.00
Undivided profits \$1,072.11; less current expenses, interest and taxes paid \$254.49	11,817.62
Circulating notes outstanding	198,100.00
Due to banks and bankers	93,307.92
Dividends unpaid	7,192.62
Demand deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	155,143.82
Certificates of deposit due in less than 90 days	1,961.52
Certified checks	11.00
United States deposits	9,517.95
Notes and bills rediscounted elsewhere than at Federal Reserve Bank	7,192.49
Total	\$724,244.94

STATE OF VERMONT,
Caledonia County, ss.
I, Homer B. Smith, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HOMER B. SMITH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1916.

ALVIN C. NOYES, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

A. H. McLEOD,
W. A. KILBEE,
J. C. CLARK,

Directors

Report of the Condition

Merchants National Bank

At St. Johnsbury, in the State of Vermont,
at the close of business, December 31, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$1,063,696.90
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation, (par value)	150,000.00
Bonds other than U. S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits \$7,000; securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpledged	115,000.00
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock	800.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$12,000.00
Less amount unpaid	6,000.00
Value of banking house, furniture and fixtures	27,000.00
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	19,515.95
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and at London	\$22,011.20
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	\$90,709.01
Other checks on banks in same city or town as reporting bank	1,631.96
Outside checks and other cash items, \$1,162.85; fractional currency, tickets and cents	1,356.93
Notes of other National Banks	2,010.00
Federal Reserve notes	1,230.00
Coin and certificates	43,069.05
Legal tender notes	3,105.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	7,500.00
Total	\$1,564,866.06
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$150,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits	30,114.44
Circulating notes outstanding	147,197.50
Dividends unpaid	6,265.76
Demand deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	148,270.64
Certificates of deposit due in less than 90 days	2,358.07
Certified checks	2,137.41
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,662.78
Postal savings deposits	2,204.08
Deposits requiring notice but less than 30 days	19,200.00
Total demand deposits	\$175,812.98
Time deposits:	
Other time deposits	1,005,475.36
Total time deposits	\$1,005,475.36
Total	\$1,564,866.06

STATE OF VERMONT,
Caledonia County, ss.
I, Charles W. Rutter, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. W. RUTTER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1916.

HARRY M. NELSON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

ELMORE T. IDE,
HARRY BLODGETT,
TRUMAN K. STILES,

Directors

den were brought here for burial Tuesday.

The annual election of officers of the M. E. church was held Sunday and the same officers re-elected for another year.

The senior reception which was postponed on account of sickness was given Friday evening. The play "Fortunes of War" was presented. The characters were Karen Carlson, Ruth McLachlin, Ellen Bayley, Elsie Garvin, Alice Fay and Philo Robinson. The evening was passed in promenading.

The spelling school for Ewell's Hollow, Penny street and North Part combined will be held at Ewell's Hollow schoolhouse Friday evening, Feb. 4th.

R. D. Rowland of East Corinth and Beatrice Main are visiting at V. E. Lamb's.

The Christmas rhetorical which were delayed at the academy at that time on account of sickness were held Thursday afternoon. Quite a number were present and they were much enjoyed by all.

Miss Rose Davis who recently underwent an operation at St. Johnsbury came Saturday to spend some time with her sister Mrs. Alfred Peak.

The Christmas music which was prepared at the Congregational church was repeated Sunday for two weeks. It has been so stormy that very few people attended church.

Mrs. George Richardson visited at Corinth and Waits River last week.

The academy re-opened Tuesday with a small attendance as many are ill, but during the week a larger part came back.

R. C. Davis is sick with grip.

Mrs. Finley who stays at Mrs. Phoebe Young's is very poorly.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. installation of officers was held at Barnet Saturday, Jan. 8. Those attending from Peacham were Mrs. E. J. Hobart, Mrs. Susan McLachlin, Mrs. Helen Bailey, Mrs. F. E. Palmer, Milton Farrow, Mr. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Farrow, Mrs. Burns Abbott, George Douce, Mrs. B. A. Halcrow, Mr. and Mrs. George Bigelow. The next meeting will be held the second Saturday in February at Mrs. Helen Bailey's.

The M. E. vestry has been wired for electric lights.

Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaw fell down stairs Friday and broke her collar bone.

There will be a box supper and entertainment at the Ewell's Hollow school house Friday evening, Jan. 21. S. A. Welch's family are nearly all sick with grip.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Leon Snow in the loss of his barn he recently remodelled and fixed up in the most modern shape. It occurred early Wednesday morning caused by the explosion of a lantern while Mr. Snow was up in the mow pitching down hay. Before he could get down to it the flames had spread so it was impossible to put it out. He had not even time to go to the house to telephone but went right to work to save the stock which were all gotten out. Mr. Snow was completely exhausted by the shock and inhaling smoke and had to be helped to the house, but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stevenson and Lou were at George Chamberlain's on New Year's day.

Mrs. S. A. Welch and Robert Mackay were at Arthur Blake's at Marshfield Saturday and Sunday.

Hollis Lamb has gone to work for the Roy Lumber company at West Barnet for the winter.

The Ladies Aid held their annual New Year's dinner and election of officers at the vestry of the M. E. church. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. A. Halcrow; vice-president, Mrs. Wilbur Blodgett; secretary, Mrs. Bertha Darling; assistant secretary, Mrs. Susan McLaughlin; treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Butson; chaplain, Mrs. M. M. Wheeler; executive committee, Mrs. Alice Hobart, Geneva Chandler, Mrs. E. M. Wheeler.

Professor and Mrs. Chaffee have returned from Morrisville where they have been for the holidays.

Miss Jeanette Varnum has gone to her school in Massachusetts and Miss Blanche Renfrew to Barton.

About 75 were present at the social, New Year's tree, and watch meeting at the vestry of the Congregational church Friday night and a fine time enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Safford Bayley were called to Granby, Mass., Saturday by the sudden death of Mrs. Bayley's mother.

RYEGATE

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Symes To Observe Golden Wedding—Locals.
(Mrs. C. A. McKirahan, Correspondent.)

A number of the ladies happened in on Mrs. J. H. Nelson on Wednesday to celebrate her birthday. Miss Margaret and Amos managed the arrangements so quietly that the event was a complete surprise for their mother. The occasion was a very pleasant one for all who were there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Symes will observe their 50th wedding anniversary by receiving their friends on Saturday afternoon and evening. No presents.

Mrs. W. D. White has been very ill for the past few days. Miss Eva Nelson, trained nurse, is caring for her.

Mrs. Richard Batten of East Ryegate. Miss Dora Chase who has worked for Mrs. W. H. Nelson for over a year finished her work there on Tuesday and went to her home in West Groton.

Raymond Thompson has recovered from his recent sickness and is able to be about the house.

Miss Robina Laughlin who has been caring for Mrs. W. Sargent has gone to her home in Barnet. Mrs. Sargent is much improved in health and able to be around.

Mrs. P. A. Taplin went to Topeham on business one day last week.

Mr. Patch, living in the M. H. Gibson tenement, was arrested by Sheriff Worthen and taken to St. Johnsbury for cruelty and abuse of his little son.

Miss Margaret Nelson returned to Brattleboro to resume her duties as teacher in the state school for the deaf.

The 25 cent piece was made famous by the American Liver Tablets, the perfect laxative.

Bring us your job work.

MONROE

New Bell Presented To The Church By Frank Hunt—Locals.
(Mabel Frazer, Correspondent.)

Frank Hunt of Lowell, Mass., has presented North Monroe church with a 1000 lb. bell in memory of his father, John Burtum Hunt.

Mrs. G. C. Brummer of Lisbon was called here Monday by the serious illness of her brother, Daniel Bedell.

The body of G. L. Johnson was brought here from Johnson, N. H., for burial last Friday. Mr. Johnson was a former resident of Monroe.

Miss Belle Hinman was at home from St. Johnsbury part of last week. Mrs. R. B. Gammell and Mrs. James Moore of East Barnet spent Thursday with Mrs. G. L. Frazer.

The Epworth League realized \$5 from the baked bean supper Friday night. A business meeting of the League was held at which the following officers were elected: President, Mary Fisher; first vice-president, Julia Fisher; second vice-president, Mildred Blanchard; third vice-president, Hattie Hatley; fourth vice-president, Mabel Frazer; treasurer, G. L. Frazer; secretary, Forrest Emery; organist, Mabel Frazer.

Mrs. A. A. Spaw of Lebanon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunt, one day last week.

Mrs. E. O. Spaulding of Chester has been visiting Miss Susan Stanley.

Lee Little has gone to Woodsville where he has work.

Miss Julia Fisher was at home from East Barnet for the week-end. Max Lang of Barnet visited at Oscar Frazer's the last of the week.

Mildred Blanchard was at A. F. Kimball's at Barnet over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Hosford spent Thursday in St. Johnsbury.

At the next regular Grange meeting the new officers will be installed and supper will be served.

Mrs. Lucy Drew has returned home from Brightlook hospital where she has been several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Murray of Chippewa Falls, Mass., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray.

Mrs. Henry Byron and Mrs. Roach of Whitefield spent part of last week with Mrs. George Gates.

Mrs. George Bort spent Monday in St. Johnsbury.

Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Burns and Madalyn spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Husted at Woodsville.

The newly elected officers of the Sunday school are: Superintendent, H. W. Burrill; assistant superintendent, Inez Fisher; organist, Mabel Frazer.

WATERFORD

(Mrs. A. M. Sunbury, Correspondent.)
Mrs. Ed Joslin and Little granddaughter of Concord were week-end guests of Mrs. George Bedell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shackway were in Littleton Saturday, Jan. 8, to attend the 50th anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenwood.

Mrs. George A. Morse of Saskatchewan, Can., called on friends here last week.

Friday evening, Jan. 14, Mr. Burbank will hold a spelling school at the vestry in Lower Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hill and the village school here will unite with the Lower Waterford school at 7:30.

Ward Bedell was a week-end guest of his brother, George Bedell, from Rummey.

PRESS COMMENT

Space Grafting.

Sponging newspaper space is a fruitful topic just now. Publishers complain that they are overruled by requests from a multitude of sources for publicity through their columns, for which the promoters do not want or expect to pay. Often, in fact generally, the objects sought are worthy, though sometimes tinged with selfishness. So far as they can and not unduly burden themselves or their readers, publishers respond to such requests. But it is clear that they cannot give anything like the publicity desired to these matters, which every day or week would fill their columns to overflowing, to the disappointment of readers, who pay for the news and not for puffs given enterprises. Nor can the publisher extend his pages to accommodate this kind of copy without heavy expense that he cannot bear and should not. A newspaper is primarily a business enterprise—a fact that is not always understood. It cannot be conducted wholly for the promotion of worthy purposes without regard to its duty as a breadwinner for its proprietor and others dependent on it. Somewhat amusing, at times, is the attitude of individuals in this matter. If a public affair is gotten up, the success of which demands publicity, there is no complaint of proper charges for job printing in connection therewith, such as handbills and posters; nor for the expense of their distribution by hand or mail; nor for music, hall and other expenses attendant. But when it comes to the newspaper it is expected, for some reason, that the publisher will boom the thing from the beginning right up through to the end purely on account of the conviction—not always shared by the publisher to the extent that it is by the promoters—that great benefit will flow to the public or the community through the consummation of the enterprise. It is forgotten, or at least discounted, that every line of type or space in the newspaper has a marketable value to the publisher just as much as the sugar in the grocer's barrel has to the grocer; that he cannot use it more than once, and that there are only so many lines available. The idea that an editor is always hard pressed for copy and welcomes "contributions" from any source and of any nature calculated to "fill up" does not represent conditions as they exist. Rather the struggle is constantly to find room for what has to go. News of the newsy kind is always desired because that is what readers want, pay for and expect to get, and it is the duty of the publisher to provide it without reference to the desires of space grafters.

Like a good deed in a wicked world came to us something quite different not long ago. Churches and church affairs require a good deal of news-

paper publicity and commonly get it at minimum expense. Recently the representative of a small local society came to the publication office and tendered the writer a considerable sum of money with the remark that the society had taken the matter up and decided it was our due for the use of our columns. We didn't agree and declined it, but we haven't got over thinking about the spirit that prompted the tender.—Herald and News.

For Pure Food.

The government is conducting an extensive campaign in behalf of pure food and drugs. An extensive practice of mixing low-grade coffees with those of a higher grade and selling the mixture for the higher grade has been checked according to an official report. Seizures of large consignments of oats adulterated by the addition of barley, weed seeds, or water were made. Other forms of adulteration that received special attention were the adulteration of pepper with ground pepper shells, of canned tomatoes with water, of dried apples with water, of cider vinegar with distilled vinegar, the manipulation of smutty barley, and the canning of decomposed cull beans.

Fifty-six actions based upon false and fraudulent claims as to the curative powers of medicines and mineral waters were terminated favorably to the government, and a number of other actions for similar offenses are pending. One hundred and three thousand three hundred and forty-three consignments of foods and drugs offered for importation into the United States were examined, of which number 7,744 were denied entry.

And still there is room for further action along these lines, as an inspection of the quarterly reports of the Vermont Laboratory of Hygiene will show. "Dirty milk" is reported in every bulletin, as well as adulterated products in foods and drugs. It is a work of time to regulate everything and keep it regulated.—Burlington Daily News.

Big Deficit In Efficiency.

The vast deficit in the postal service is \$11,333,000. The efficiency deficit can't be measured in dollars. Perhaps the nearest approach to a statement of the efficiency deficit would be expressed in the language of farmers who have suffered from deterioration of rural service and city business men who get less frequent service. But if we tried to express the situation in such language as that, the matter would be excluded from the mails. It's better to be safe than sorry, so let's leave it to every man to describe for himself.—Manchester Journal.

Death of F. G. Butterfield.

Gen. F. G. Butterfield of Derby Line died Thursday after a very short illness with pneumonia. Gen. Butterfield was a prominent citizen in the state and was closely identified in building up the community in which he lived. He was president of the large manufacturing concern of Butterfield & Co., and was largely responsible for bringing the company to the position which it holds in international commerce.

Gen. Butterfield held many public offices. He was representative from the town of Derby in the Vermont legislature of 1898 and was senator from Orleans county in 1910. He was a Civil War veteran and past grand commander of the G. A. R. of Vermont.

mont, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a Mason. He received a special medal from Congress for bravery in the Civil War.

Gen. Butterfield was a past commander of the Vermont branch of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

The deceased is survived by a wife,

ow, one son, Benjamin F., and a daughter, Esther, both of Derby Line, and two brothers, Fred of Los Angeles, Cal., and Charles W., of Bellows Falls.

Progress Under Local Option

During the 12 years in which Local Option has been in effect, Vermont has made progress by leaps and bounds.

One progressive law has brought others, and public as well as private business has progressed steadily.

Note a few items of progress since 1902.

A new school law was passed, which is working out to the decided advantage of the barefoot boy. A new system of accounting was installed in the statehouse, which gives the taxpayer an absolute audit on the business of Vermont.

The office of attorney-general was established.

A legislative reference bureau was established.

A state purchasing agent was authorized, who is already saving the state thousands of dollars a year.

The automobile license law in 1915 brought revenue amounting to \$227,159.37. This revenue is used as a highway maintenance fund.

Two agricultural schools have been established, one at Lyndonville and one at Randolph.

A school for feeble minded children has been established at Brandon.

The courts of the state have been revised, a superior court of six members being created, 15 municipal courts being established for expediting the trial of cases.

The state has purchased the two normal schools at Castleton and at Johnson.

Increased appropriations have been made for the University of Vermont, Middlebury College, and Norwich University.

Departments of agriculture and forestry have been created, with liberal appropriations.

The system of railroad taxation has been changed, increasing the revenue of the state from \$123,643.75 in 1902 to \$544,730.41 in 1915.

In Vermont, for every 31 of its inhabitants, one automobile pays taxes. In 1915, 11,499 cars were registered, paying into the state treasury a revenue of \$227,159.37. Farm values have increased more than 30 per cent.

The new system of state highways was inaugurated, which has given Vermont the best roads in her history.

A number of boards and commissioners have been consolidated, and a sharper check is placed on state expenditures.

A new state building has been authorized, to cost nearly a quarter of a million.

The constitution has been revised, which brings Vermont's elections and legislative session into more convenient times of the year and gives the Governor a veto power that means something.

Instead of bringing poverty, want and failure into the state, the 12 years of local option have been marked by a steady growth in thrift, prosperity and progress, with the most decided improvements in public business which have occurred in 50 years.

Do the people of Vermont desire to take a step backward by returning to the evil and scandals of state-wide prohibition?

Why Not Let Well Enough Alone?

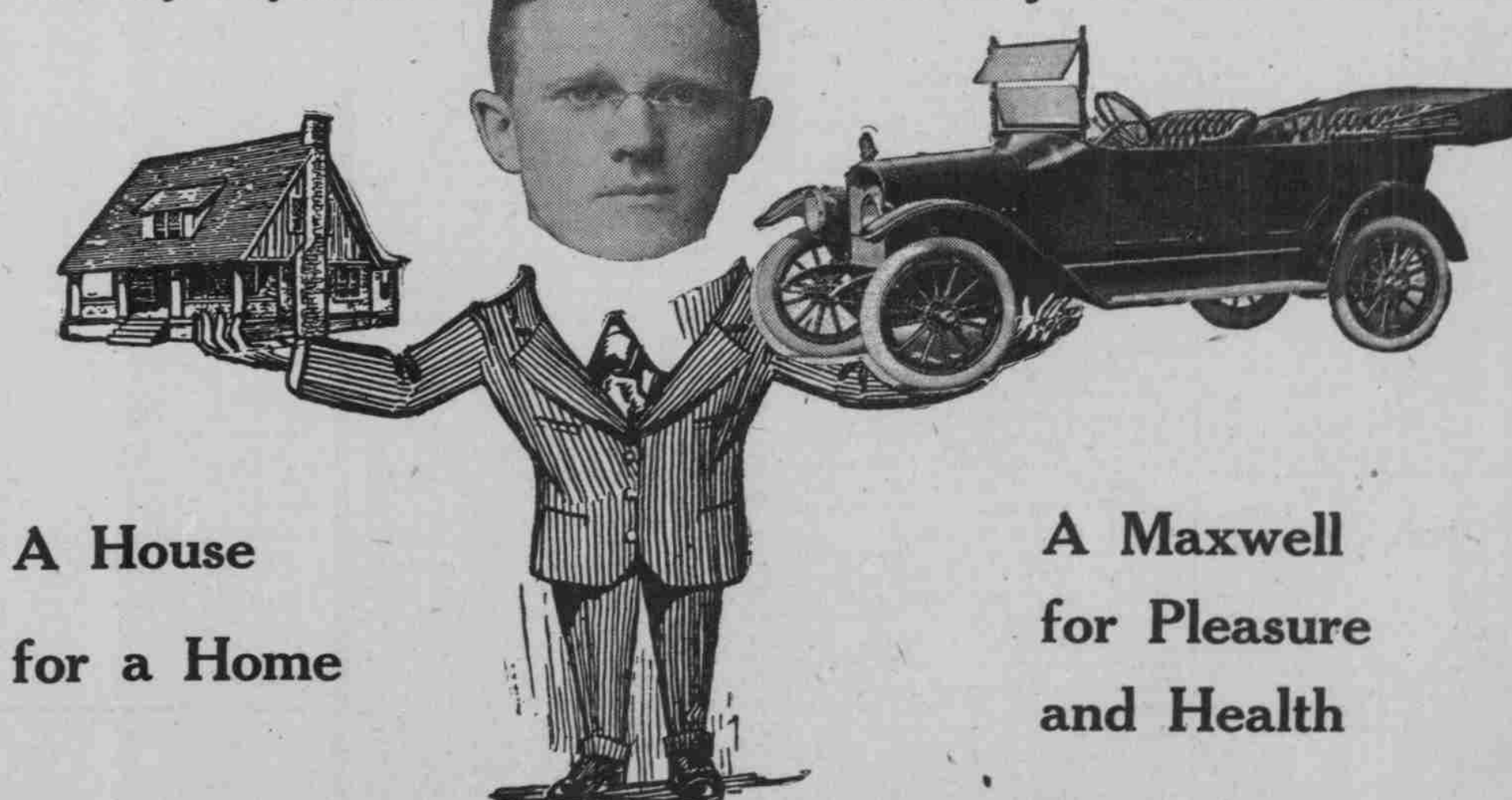
Vermont Local Option League

Raymond Trainor, Secy.

White River Jct., Vt.

You Buy a House
on Easy Payments

Why Not This Maxwell
and Pay as You Ride



A House
for a Home

A Maxwell
for Pleasure
and Health

The Pay As You Ride Maxwell

can be purchased just as easy as a piano. And the health of your entire family—the increased energy you will put into your business after getting out into the open each evening—